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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7606
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, PINS, ES
SUBJECT: WEALTHY ENGINEER KIDNAPPED

1. ENGINEER GUSTAVO CARTAGENA, PRESIDENT OF ARCO, LARGEST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL GROUP OF ENGINEER AND ARCHITECTS IN EL SALVADOR, WAS KIDNAPPED 7:30 P.M. APRIL 6. PRELIMINARY REPORTS STATE THAT CARTAGENA WAS ABDUCTED FROM HIS OFFICE (WHICH IS DIRECTLY ACROSS STREET FROM U.S. EMBASSY) BY GROUP OF FOUR TO SIX MEN ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS. NO SHOOTING REPORTED AND ENTIRE GROUP DEPARTED SCENE IN WAITING CAR. NO TERRORIST GROUPING HAS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR KIDNAPPING AS YET, NOT ANY INDICATION RANSOM HAS BEEN REQUESTED.

2. COMMENT. CARTAGENA IS WEALTHY AND WELL-CONNECTED INDIVIDUAL, BUT ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE EQUALLY WELL-TO-DO AND INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS ENEMIES. NO INFORMATION ON MOTIVE FOR KIDNAPPING PRESENT-
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LY AVAILABLE BUT POSSIBLE THAT THIS IS PERSONAL VENDETTA-TYPE ACTION AS OPPOSED TO USUAL TERRORIST OR POLITICALLY MOTIVATED KIDNAPPING.
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Message Attributes

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